

## ***REMARKS***

### 1. Present Status of Patent Application

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed July 14, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

### 2. Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's statement in the previous Office Action in which claims 20, 26-29, 35-38, and 56-59 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 20, 26, 27, and 57 have been rewritten in independent form and include all of the features of their previous base claims. Further, the remaining pending claims 2-12, 14-16, 18-19, 21-25, 28-31, 33-38, 40-55, 58-59 have been amended to depend from respective independent claims 20, 26, 27, and 57.

To advance prosecution of the instant case, claims 1, 13, 17, 32, 39, and 56 are canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer so that the remaining claims may issue to patent. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate any of the canceled subject matter to the public.

### 3. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-10, 12-19, 21-25, 30-34, 39-48, and 50-55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by *Hiltunen* (U.S. Patent No. 6,754,484).

As previously discussed, claims 20, 26-29, 35-38, and 56-59 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 20, 26, 27, and 57 have been rewritten in independent form and include all of the features of their previous base claims, and claims 1, 13, 17, 32, 39, and 56 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Further, the remaining pending claims, including claims 2-10, 12, 14-16, 18-19, 21-25, 30-31, 33-34, and 50-55, have

been amended to depend from respective independent claims 20, 26, 27, and 57, and therefore the rejections should be withdrawn for at least this reason.

4. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 11 and 49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as purportedly being unpatentable over *Hiltunen*.

As previously discussed, claims 20, 26-29, 35-38, and 56-59 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 20, 26, 27, and 57 have been rewritten in independent form and include all of the limitations of their previous base claims. Further, the remaining pending claims, including claims 11 and 49, have been amended to depend from respective independent claims 20, 26, 27, and 57, and therefore the rejections should be withdrawn for at least this reason.



### **CONCLUSION**

Any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. In addition, any and all findings of inherency are traversed as not having been shown to be necessarily present. Furthermore, any and all findings of well-known art and official notice, or statements interpreted similarly, should not be considered well known since the Office Action does not include specific factual findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions.

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. In addition, Applicant does not intend to admit anything regarding any other statements in the Office Action that is not explicitly referenced in this response. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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